The 7th Sunday after Pentecost July 7, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking

pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- *P:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- C: Amen.
- P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
- P: God, our provider,
- *C:* help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C: Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

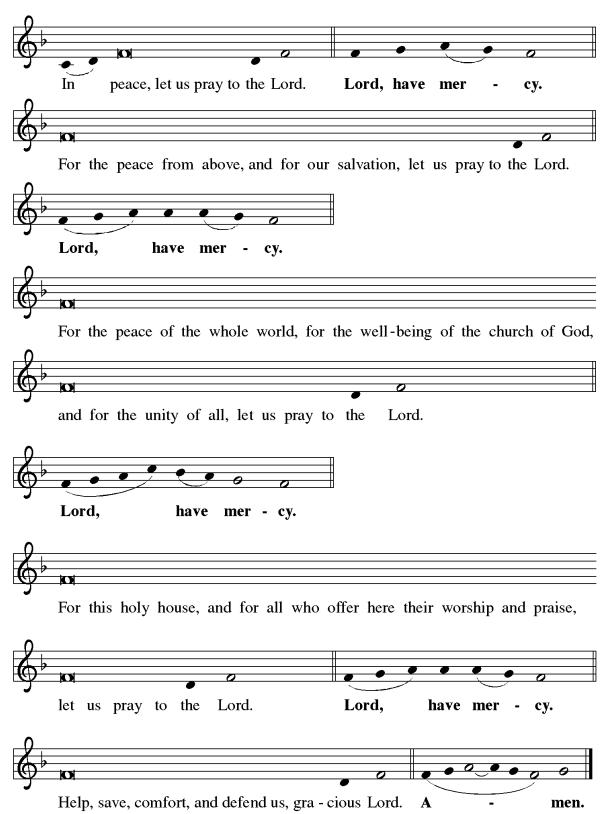
Before You, Lord, We Bow

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*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *C:* And also with you.







*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ... God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *C:* Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

¹All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ² For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁹ David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 48 (read responsively)

¹Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised,

in the city of our God, on the Lord's holy mountain.

- ² Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is Mount Zion, the summit of the north and city of the great king.
- ³ God is in the citadels of Jerusalem; revealed to be the sure refuge of the city.
- ⁴ Behold, the kings assembled and marched forward together.

⁵ As they looked, they were astounded; dismayed, they fled in terror.

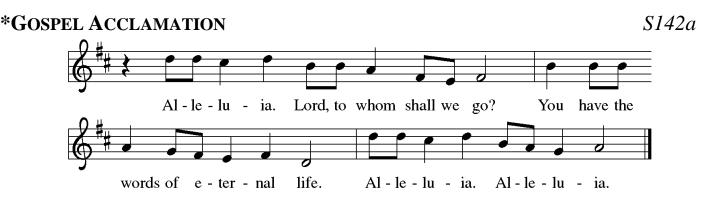
- ⁶ Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth;
- ⁷ with an east wind you shattered them like the ships of Tarshish.

- ⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God
 - may God establish it forever!
- ⁹ In the midst of your temple, O God, we meditate on your steadfast love.
- ¹⁰ Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness.
- ¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments.
- ¹² Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it; count the number of the city's towers.
- ¹³ Consider well its ramparts; examine its strongholds; that you may tell those who come after.
- ¹⁴ Mark this—God is our God forever and ever, guiding us even to the end.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L: The word of the Lord. *C*: Thanks be to God.



*Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. *C*: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY		Pastor Traci
*HYMN OF THE DAY	Lord, You Give the Great Commission	ELW # 579

*APOSTLES' CREED

- P: Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 - I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 - I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- A: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.
- A: Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy, *C*: hear our prayer.
- A: Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy, *C:* hear our prayer.
- A: Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy, *C:* hear our prayer.
- A: Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy, *C*: hear our prayer.
- *A:* Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy, *C:* hear our prayer.
- A: Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy, *C*: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. *C:* Amen.

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

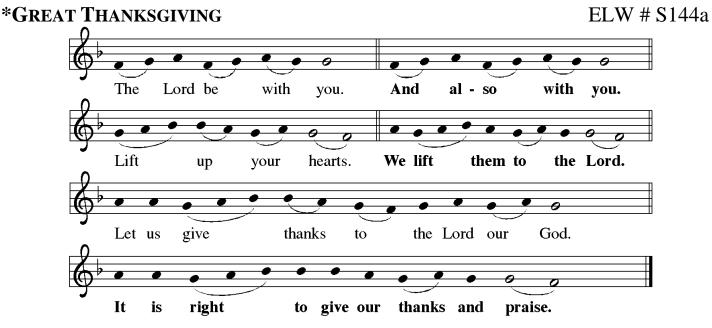
C: And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

***Offertory Prayer**

An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

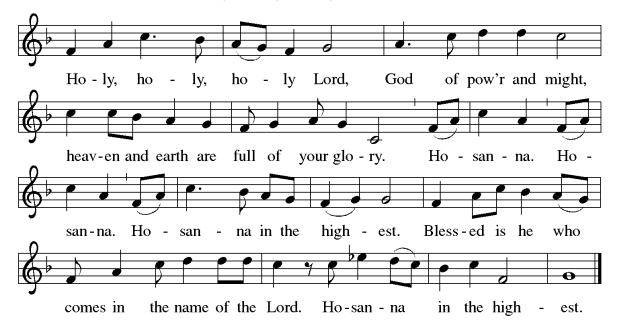
A: Let us pray ... Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. C: Amen.



*PROPER PREFACE

- *P*: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
- And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



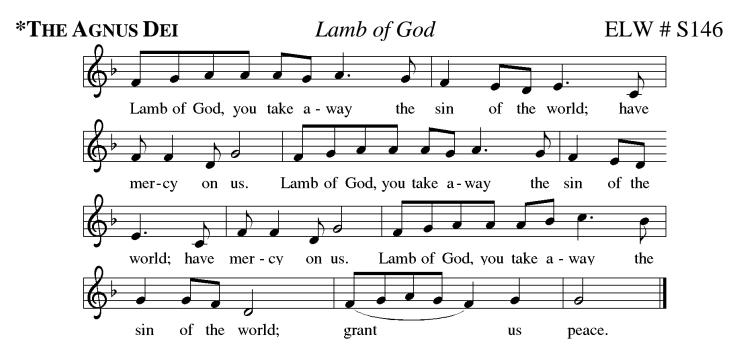
*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- *P*: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.
- In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
- In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

- Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
- C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

- *P*: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



*INVITATION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION HYMN How Clear Is Out Vocation, Lord

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***BLESSING**

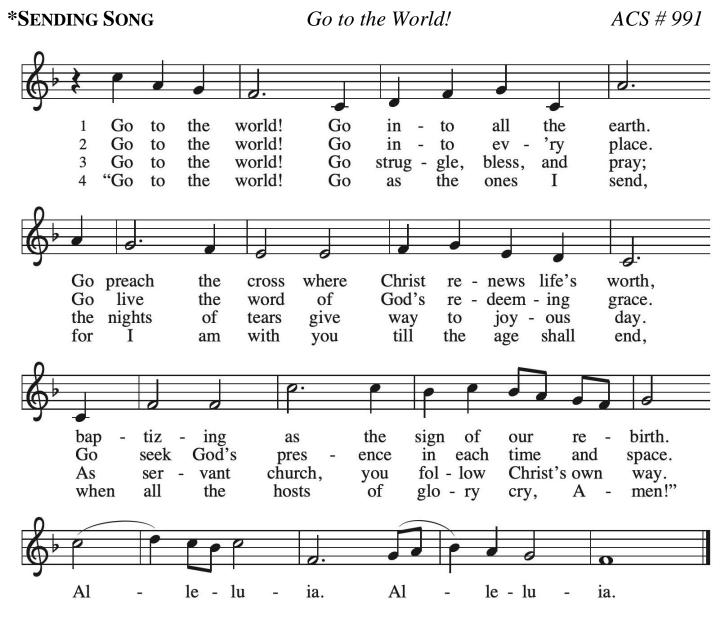
P: May the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. *C*: Amen.



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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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Serving God and Us Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott Our Organists – Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck Our Sexton – Phil Claar Our Assisting Minister – Andrea Paul Our Lector – Elaine Smith Our Usher – Mike Lamborn Our Altar Guild – Jean Sinal Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to "OEW and Missionaries"

This Week at St. Matthew:

814-793-2413: Office Hours

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Jen – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This Week Events

Today –	7 th Sunday After Pentecost
	Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
	Social Ministry and Fellowship Committees
	Brief Meeting following Worship, back of Narthex
Monday –	RSVP Deadline for Young at Heart Luncheon
Tuesday –	Agricultural Parade, Martinsburg
-	NO JULY COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday –	8 th Sunday After Pentecost
-	Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Mary Jane Allision, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenberg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger.

Prayer Concerns: Dawn Alexy, Amy & Family, Avery, Virginia Barnes, Randy Barrett, Elaine Buchart, Kaye Burket, Tana Byler, Caleb, Diane Cappel, Phillip Claar, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry Creek, Greg Dick, Pastor Sharon Erb, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Joe Harteis, Rodger Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Ruth Johnson, Audrey Kensinger, Darren Kreutzer, Darlene Krisco, Linda Lehman, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Ruth Marshall, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Pat Mountain & Family, Nathan, Deb Peters, Bob & Annette Ritchey, Paul Ruth, Jane Metz Short, Dan Sinal, Dan Smith, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Margie Smith, Dorothy Stahl, Jean Stonerook, Cindy Thomas, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Susan Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Pat Winston, Tom Woodrow, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

Away at School: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jeff Hoenstine.
Those Serving in our Armed Forces: Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).

Prayers and Christian Sympathy are asked for family and friends of Virginia "Ginny" Sell upon her death on July 2, 2024.

Devotionals



"Christ in Our Home" devotional booklets are available at the Usher's Station in the Narthex. Please sign your name if you take one because we are trying to get an accurate count of how many we need to be ordering. If you are unable to attend worship in person and want one mailed to you, please call the office.



There will be a brief meeting of the Social Ministry and Fellowship committees following worship TODAY, July 7, at the back of the Narthex concerning preparation for the Young at Heart Luncheon.

Church Messenger

The July 2024 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. By calling the church office at (814-793-2413), you can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home. Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership and articles are always appreciated.

St. Matthew Seniors Are Invited To A Young at Heart Luncheon



Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 12:00 PM

Held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 115 East Penn Street Martinsburg, PA

Please RSVP to the Church Office (814-793-2413) by TOMORROW, July 8



The 2024 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones or to honor loved ones. The following dates are available: 9/29, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place flowers on the Altar. Price - \$40.00. If you would like a Sunday(s) you can also call the church office at 814-793-2413.

Martinsburg Food Pantry



The Food Pantry will be open for distribution of food on Thursday, July 18 from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Volunteers from Brethren in Christ Church will be helping to give out food, along with the regular helpers.



Items most needed for July: Macaroni, Spaghetti Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Canned Fruit, and Paper Towels

Garden produce on the days that the Food Pantry is open, are very appreciated to be dropped off at the pantry.

Thank you! Linda Smith

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS





Let's talk about Budgeting, Saving, Credit and Debt, Investing and Retirement, Insurance, and Consumer Awareness

Class led by Mr. Joseph Logan from Central High School Saturday, July 13, 2024 9:00am - 11:00am Continental Breakfast Provided

Class is provided at no cost, but donations will be accepted.

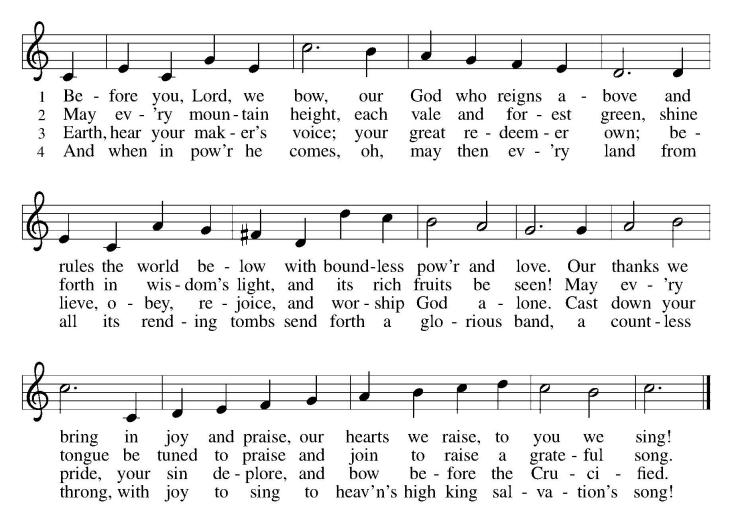
Registration Requested but not required. You may register by:

- Leaving a message on our office phone (814-224-4116)
- Sending an Email to stluke401@gmail.com
- Fill out the form through the QR Code



***OPENING HYMN**

Before You, Lord, We Bow



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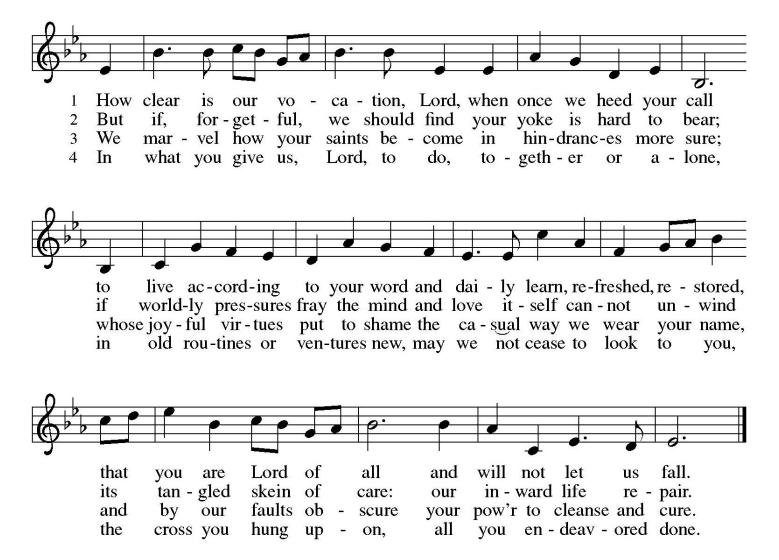
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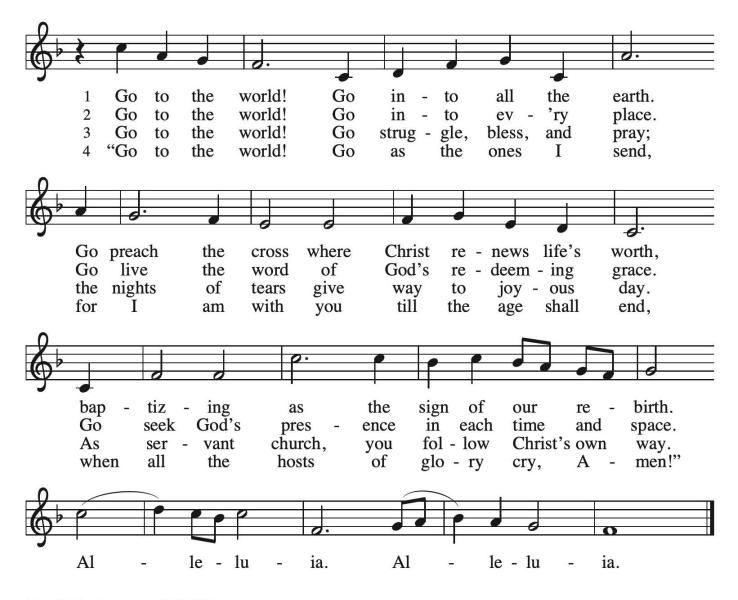
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Go to the World!

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